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### IN THE CLAIMS

#### Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

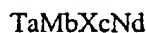
1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head, in which a multilayer film is disposed, the multilayer film including metal magnetic films and non-magnetic films that are alternately laminated, and a boundary between the multilayer film and a magnetic oxide substrate or a non-magnetic substrate on which the multilayer film is to be formed is parallel with a gap section at a surface of the magnetic head for sliding with respect to a magnetic recording medium,

wherein the metal magnetic films constituting the multilayer film each have a uniform thickness, and the uniform thickness  $t$  satisfies  $t < v \times \cos\theta / f_{\max}$ , where  $v$  denotes a relative speed of the head to the a recording medium,  $f_{\max}$  denotes an upper limit of frequencies to be used and  $\theta$  denotes an azimuth angle.

Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the metal magnetic films constituting the multilayer film have a uniform thickness within a range of 100 nm to 2000 nm.

5. (Original) The magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic films comprise a magnetic alloy film having a composition represented by the following formula:



where T denotes at least one element selected from the group consisting of Fe, Co and Ni, M denotes at least one element selected from the group constituting of Nb, Zr, Ti, Ta, Hf, Cr, Mo, W and Mn, X denotes at least one element selected from the group

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consisting of B, Si and Ge, and N denotes nitrogen, wherein a, b, c and d represent atomic% satisfying  $65 \leq a \leq 93$ ,  $4 \leq b \leq 20$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq 20$ ,  $2 \leq d \leq 20$  and  $a + b + c + d = 100$ , respectively.

6. (Original) The magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the non-magnetic films comprise an oxide of Si, Al, Ti, Cr or Ta.

7. (Original) The magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises: magnetic Mn-Zn ferrite single crystal; non-magnetic ferrite single crystal;  $\alpha$ -hematite; calcium titanate or magnesium titanate.

8. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording/reproducing device provided with a magnetic head, in which a multilayer film is disposed, the multilayer film including metal magnetic films and non-magnetic films that are alternately laminated, and a boundary between the multilayer film and a magnetic oxide substrate or a non-magnetic substrate on which the multilayer film is to be formed is parallel with a gap section at a surface of the magnetic head for sliding with respect to a magnetic recording medium,

wherein the metal magnetic films constituting the multilayer film each have a uniform thickness, and the uniform thickness  $t$  satisfies  $t < v \times \cos\theta / f_{\max}$ , where  $v$  denotes a relative speed of the head to the recording medium,  $f_{\max}$  denotes an upper limit of frequencies to be used and  $\theta$  denotes an azimuth angle.

Claims 9 and 10 (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The magnetic recording/reproducing device according to claim 8, wherein the metal magnetic films constituting the multilayer film have a uniform thickness within a range of 100 nm to 2000 nm.

12. (Original) The magnetic recording/reproducing device according to claim 8, wherein the magnetic films comprise a magnetic alloy film having a composition represented by the following formula:

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$TaMbXcNd$

where T denotes at least one element selected from the group consisting of Fe, Co and Ni, M denotes at least one element selected from the group constituting of Nb, Zr, Ti, Ta, Hf, Cr, Mo, W and Mn, X denotes at least one element selected from the group consisting of B, Si and Ge, and N denotes nitrogen, wherein a, b, c and d represent atomic% satisfying  $65 \leq a \leq 93$ ,  $4 \leq b \leq 20$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq 20$ ,  $2 \leq d \leq 20$  and  $a + b + c + d = 100$ , respectively.

13. (Original) The magnetic recording/reproducing device according to claim 8, wherein the non-magnetic films comprise an oxide of Si, Al, Ti, Cr or Ta.

14. (Original) The magnetic recording/reproducing device according to claim 8, wherein the substrate comprises: magnetic Mn-Zn ferrite single crystal; non-magnetic ferrite single crystal;  $\alpha$ - hematite; calcium titanate or magnesium titanate.